



May 10, 2018

The Honorable Ro Khanna
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Ratcliffe
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Khanna and Ratcliffe,

We write to express our support for your leadership in introducing the 21st Century Integrated Digital Experience (21st Century IDEA) Act, which would improve the delivery of federal agencies' digital services. We look forward to working with you on this legislation.

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In today's connected age, information technology (IT) plays a critical role in the delivery of essential government services. Government, like the private sector, works best when it uses the most up-to-date IT products and services, including software. The modernization of digital government services that the 21st Century IDEA Act promotes, including through leveraging data analytics to improve the operation of federal websites and the use of electronic signatures on contracts and other documents, would be an important step to accelerate the benefits federal agencies could obtain through the use of innovative technologies.

Again, thank you for your leadership, and we look forward to working with you as this important legislation advances.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. M. Albright". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Craig Albright
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